

REMARKS

Claims 31-64 are pending in the application. Claims 44-47 and 63 stand rejected.

Claims 31-43, 48-62, and 64 are withdrawn.

Applicant requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons.

Claims 44-47 and 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Sporre (U.S. 5,966,657).

Applicant's claim 44 for example includes the call setup information receiving portion where the mobile station receives from a base station call setup information to allocate respective uplink and downlink channels between the mobile and at least one other base station.

In the Office Action this feature is being compared to Sporre column 9, lines 59-62 and column 10, lines 9-67.

It is respectfully submitted that in reviewing this section of Sporre no suggestion could be found describing the mobile station receiving call setup information which is useful for allocating uplink and downlink channels to another base station. As one example see page 17, lines 10-35 of the specification.

Sporre only describes sending the frequency information which allows the mobile to measure the signal quality which is sent by the mobile to the base station. Sporre describes the base station sending frequency information of neighboring cells to the mobile. The frequency information is used for gathering information on traffic channel signal quality for purposes of frequency allocation among the cells. The reference does not indicate that there is any call setup or allocated uplink and downlink channels.

Sporre only states that the frequencies are used for measurement and to send a report back to the base station with regard to the quality information. There is no mention of call setup information. In addition, there is no stored call setup information in the reference.

Applicant's claim 44 also includes storing the received call setup information.

Sporre stores the frequency information received on the SACCH but there is no description that there is call setup information with the frequency information of these channels which is stored. Col. 9, lines 50-65 of Sporre only describes storing the frequency information of neighboring cells. The frequencies are used for measurement and to send a report back to the base station with regard to the quality information.

In addition, Applicant's claim 44 includes "to employ the stored call setup information received in the call setup process..."

Sporre does not suggest that the stored frequency information is used for the handover. Sporre only states that the frequencies are used to send a report back to the base station with regard to the quality information. In addition, there is no stored call setup information and no mention of employing the stored call setup information in Sporre.

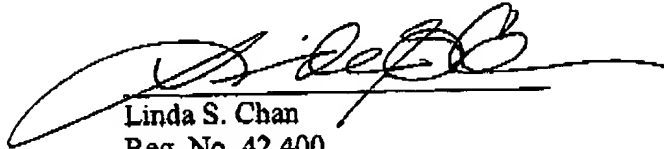
Claims 45-47 include at least the distinguishing features of claim 44 in addition to further limitations. Claim 63 includes features which include at least the distinguishing characteristics of claim 44.

For at least the above reasons it is respectfully requested the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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